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*Mortuary report for the week ended August 20, 1904.*

Cause of death.	Number.	Bertillon number.
Diphtheria.....	1	9
Tubercle of lungs.....	2	27
Cancer of uterus.....	1	42
Infantile tetanus.....	1	72
Organic heart disease.....	2	79
Diarrhea and enteritis (under 2 years).....	4	105
Nephritis, acute.....	1	119
Bright's disease.....	1	120
Congenital debility.....	1	151
Ill-defined or unspecified.....	2	179
Total .....	16	

Annual rate of mortality for the week, 18.28 per 1,000. Estimated population, 45,500.

## DANISH WEST INDIES.

*Quarantine against Demerara.*

The following information is received from Minister Swenson at Copenhagen, under date of August 6:

On June 16 last, the government of the Danish West Indies declared a quarantine of 15 days against vessels arriving from Demerara having on board persons or members of the crew who have not been vaccinated. The government also requires that the crews and passengers of other vessels shall be required to undergo a daily medical examination during fifteen days from the date of their departure from Demerara.

## ECUADOR.

*<sup>a</sup> Reports from Guayaquil—Inspection of vessels—Yellow fever—Enteric fever at Quito—Death of sheep on steamship Pizarro—Plague at Payta.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gruver reports, July 22, as follows: Week ended July 20, 1904. Present officially estimated population, 60,000. Total mortality from all causes, 42, as follows: Yellow fever, 2; pernicious fever, 1; infectious fever, 2; grip, 2; fevers without classification, 7; tuberculosis, 5; enteric diseases, 2; from all other causes, 24.

Two supplemental bills of health were issued during the week. On July 16 the steamship *Guatemala* cleared for Ancon, Canal Zone, with 9 cabin passengers from this port. On July 19 steamship *Limari* cleared for the same port with 10 cabin and 4 steerage passengers. These vessels, en route from Chilean and Peruvian ports, were disinfected on arrival under my supervision by the port authorities and anchored in midstream about 2 miles below the city.

I have received a letter from Surg. H. R. Carter, chief quarantine officer, Isthmian Canal Commission, notifying me of measures which will be enforced in the future on Guayaquil traffic at the port of Ancon. These I have embodied in a circular letter and addressed to the several ship agents here. A copy is inclosed.

<sup>a</sup> Received out of date.